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**APPLICANT(S):** Vijay R. Basani, et al.

**EXAMINER:** Jungwon, Chang

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**ART UNIT:** 2154

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In response to the Final Office Action dated September 24, 2003, please amend the claims as follows and consider the following remarks.

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 FR 1.27 is enclosed.

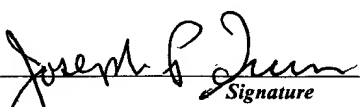
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